

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated August 21, 2003.

Claims 1, 12, 17-33, 37-39, and 42 are presently or were previously canceled. Claims 2-3, 7, 9-10, 15, 34, 35, 40-41, and 43 are currently amended. Claims 4-6, 8, 11, 13-14, and 16 were previously amended.

The Examiner is thanked for noting that Claims 15-16 and 43-44 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended Claims 15 and 43 to independent form and, where appropriate, has amended other claims to depend from amended Claims 15 or 43.

Additionally, Applicants have incorporated each of the Examiner's Section 112 suggestions into the noted Claims (or into amended Claims 15 or 43 where the noted Claims were incorporated).